

Improvers' Bidding Challenge No 20

This challenge is aimed at all Bronze category players (ranked below the level of Regional Master). We aim to have the questions both instructive and thought-provoking. Entries from those in classes are particularly welcome.

Please submit your entries to russell.frame45@gmail.com by 5th September. Look out for the scores and comments of the panel of teachers in the next edition of Scottish Bridge News and on the SBU website under "Bronze"; "Articles for New Players".

Generally speaking, the system in use is Standard Acol with 12-14 NT, 4-card majors, Stayman, transfers and Blackwood. Any deviation from this will be indicated.

1. ♠ AJT98 NS Vul
 ♥ A7 Pairs
 ♦ JT52
 ♣ J9

N	E	S	W
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
?			

2. ♠ AQJ96 NS Vul
 ♥ KQJ Pairs
 ♦ 983
 ♣ T5

N	E	S	W
1N	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
?			

*Transfer to Hearts

3. ♠ A94 EW Vul
 ♥ AT742 Pairs
 ♦ 95
 ♣ QJ2

N	E	S	W
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2N	Pass
?			

4. ♠ AK9653 NS Vul
 ♥ AKT7 Pairs
 ♦ -
 ♣ A74

N	E	S	W
-	Pass	Pass	1♦
?			